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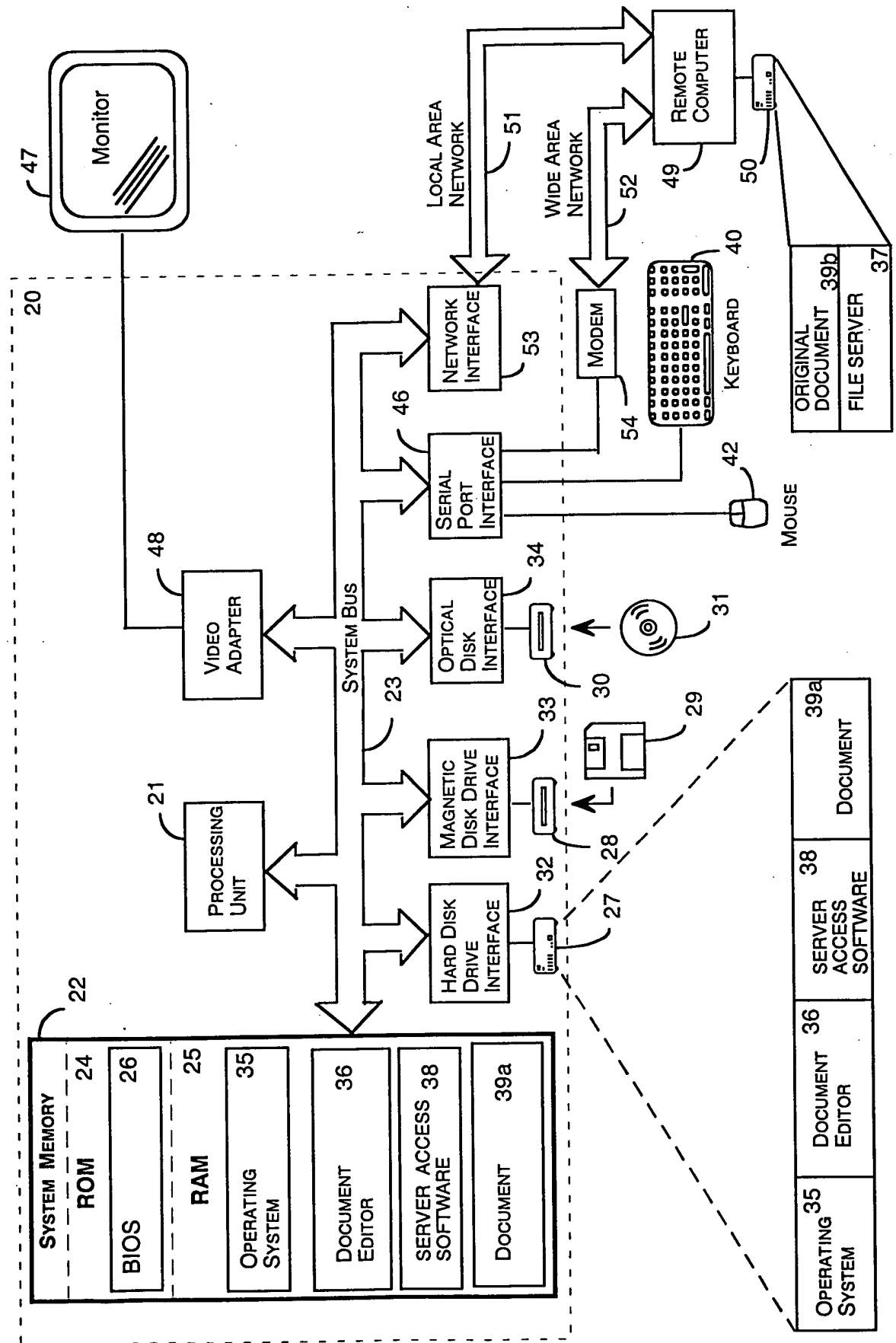


FIG. 1

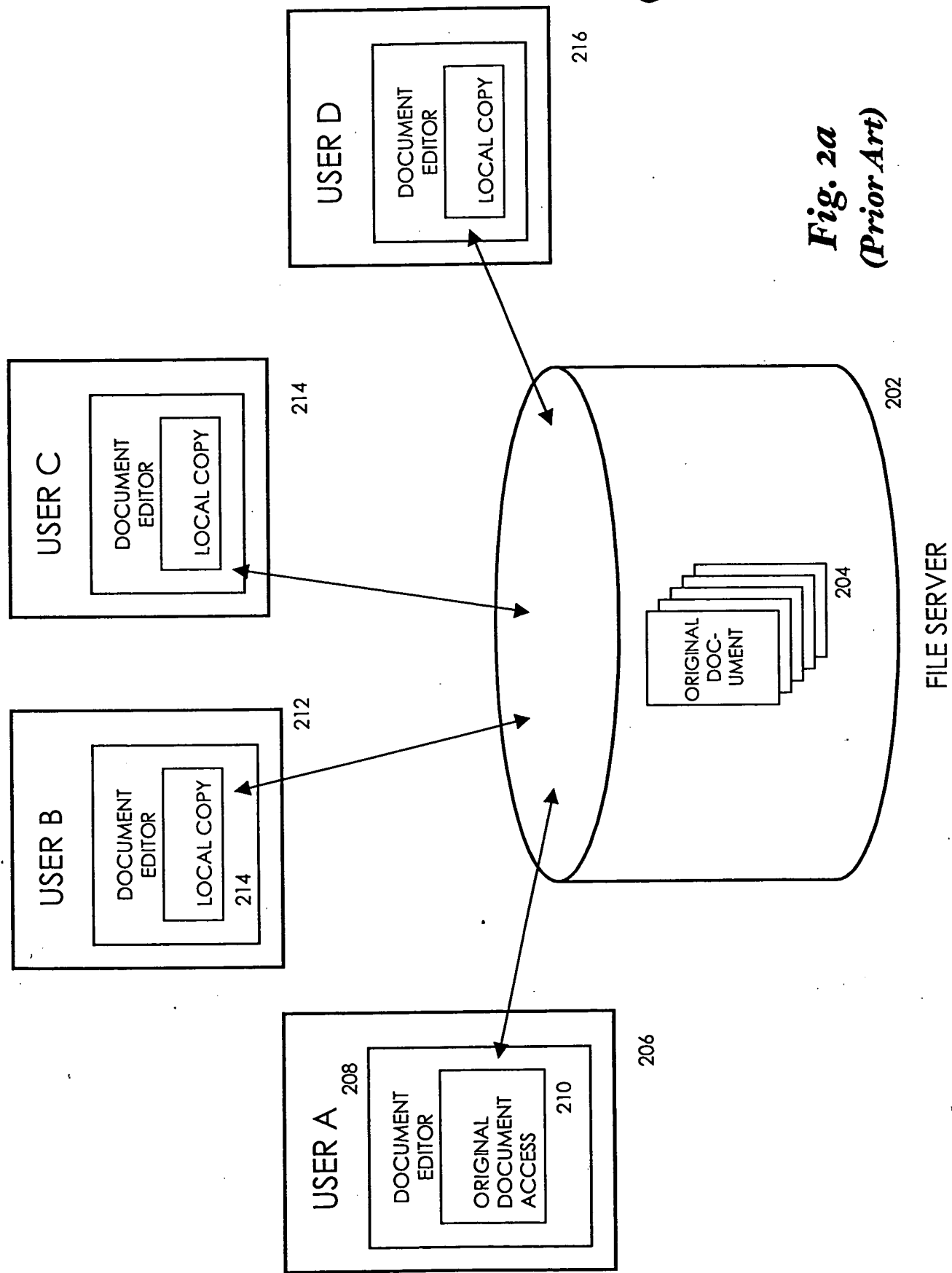


Fig. 2a
(Prior Art)

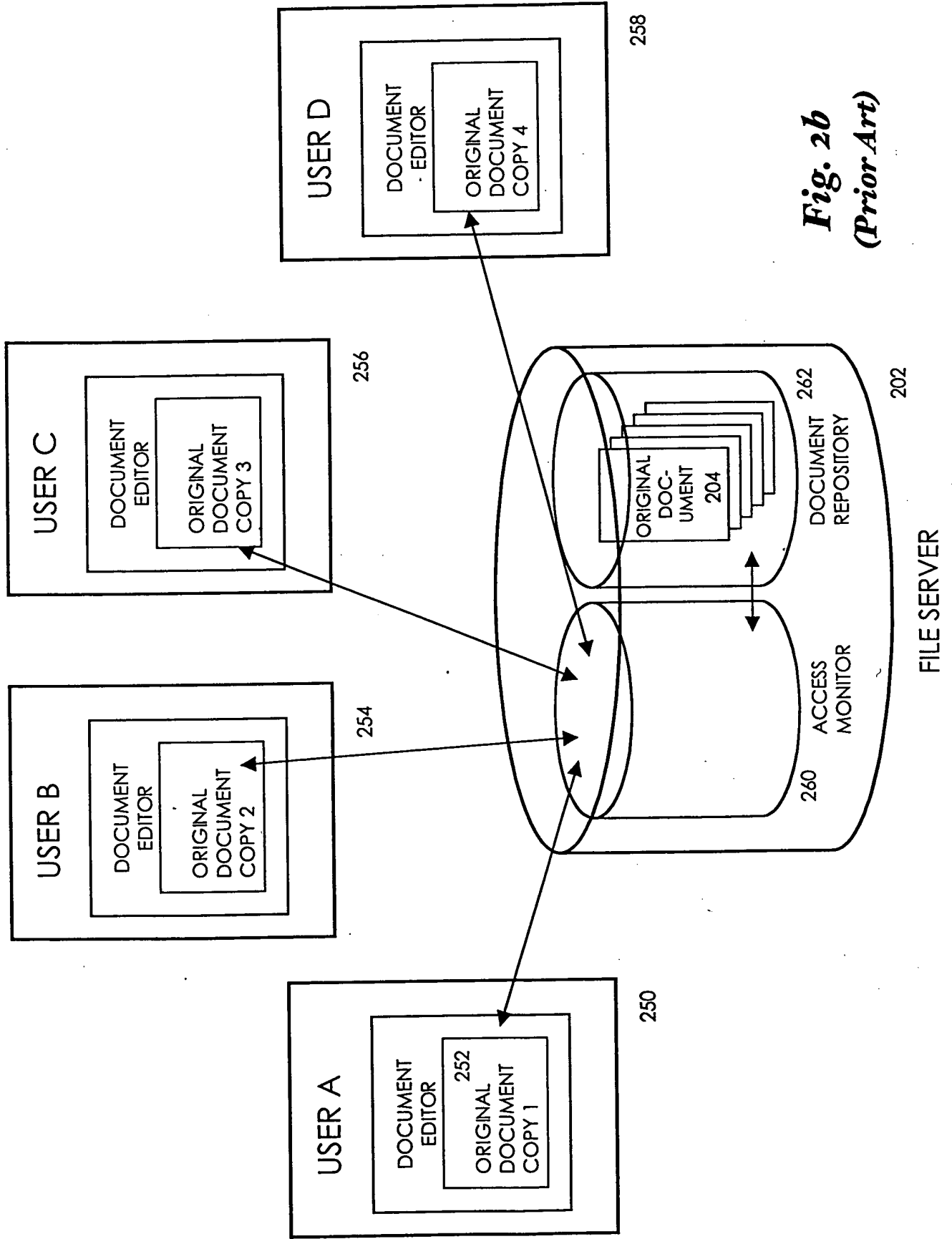


Fig. 2b
(Prior Art)

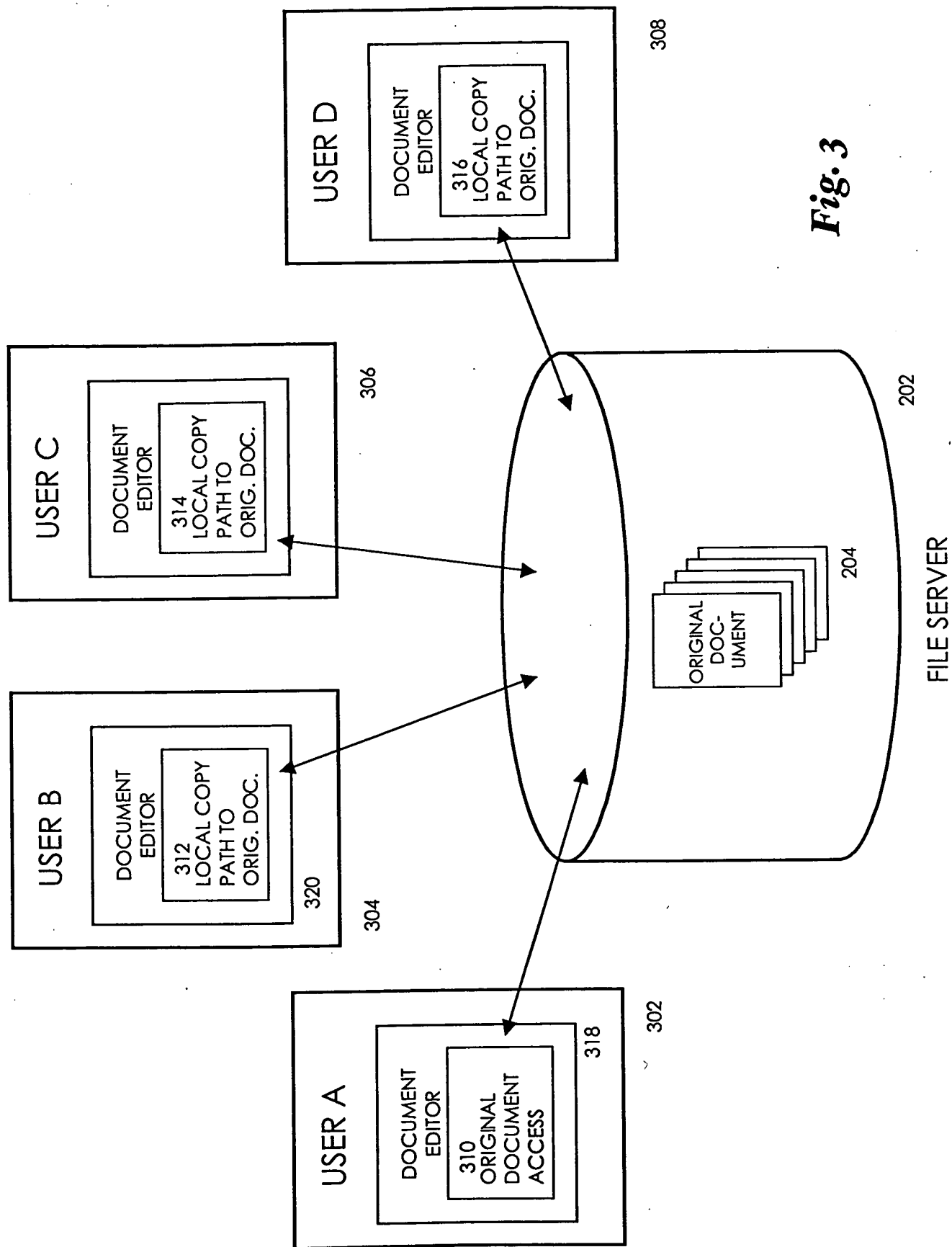


Fig. 3

400

START

Fig. 4a

402

USER ATTEMPTS TO OPEN
ORIGINAL DOCUMENT

404

ORIGINAL
DOCUMENT IN
USE BY ANOTHER
USER
?

NO

416

OPEN ORIGINAL
DOCUMENT

414

END

YES

406

ALERT USER THAT ORIGINAL
DOCUMENT IS OPENED
FOR EDITING
BY ANOTHER USER

408

PROMPT USER TO SELECT:

a) OPEN AS READ-ONLY
b) CREATE LOCAL COPY
FOR SUBSEQUENT MERGE
WITH ORIGINAL
DOCUMENT
c) NOTIFICATION WHEN
ORIGINAL DOCUMENT
BECOMES AVAILABLE

YES

USER
SELECTS
CHOICE a
?

410

NO

YES

USER
SELECTS
CHOICE c
?

418

NO

422

A

420

MONITOR
ORIGINAL
DOCUMENT USAGE
AND NOTIFY USER
WHEN AVAILABLE

412

OPEN READ-ONLY
COPY AND DISABLE
SAVE COMMAND

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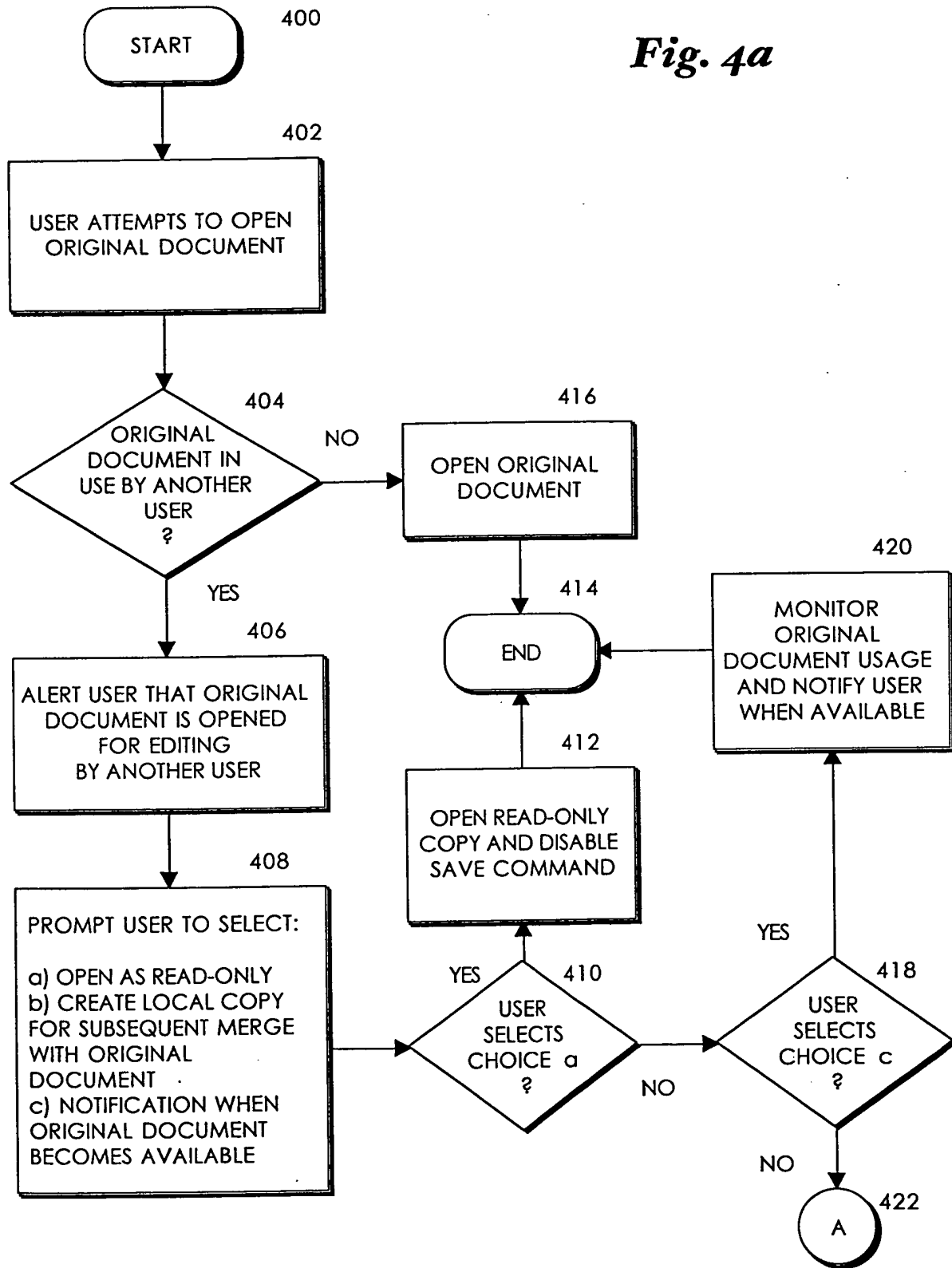


Fig. 4b

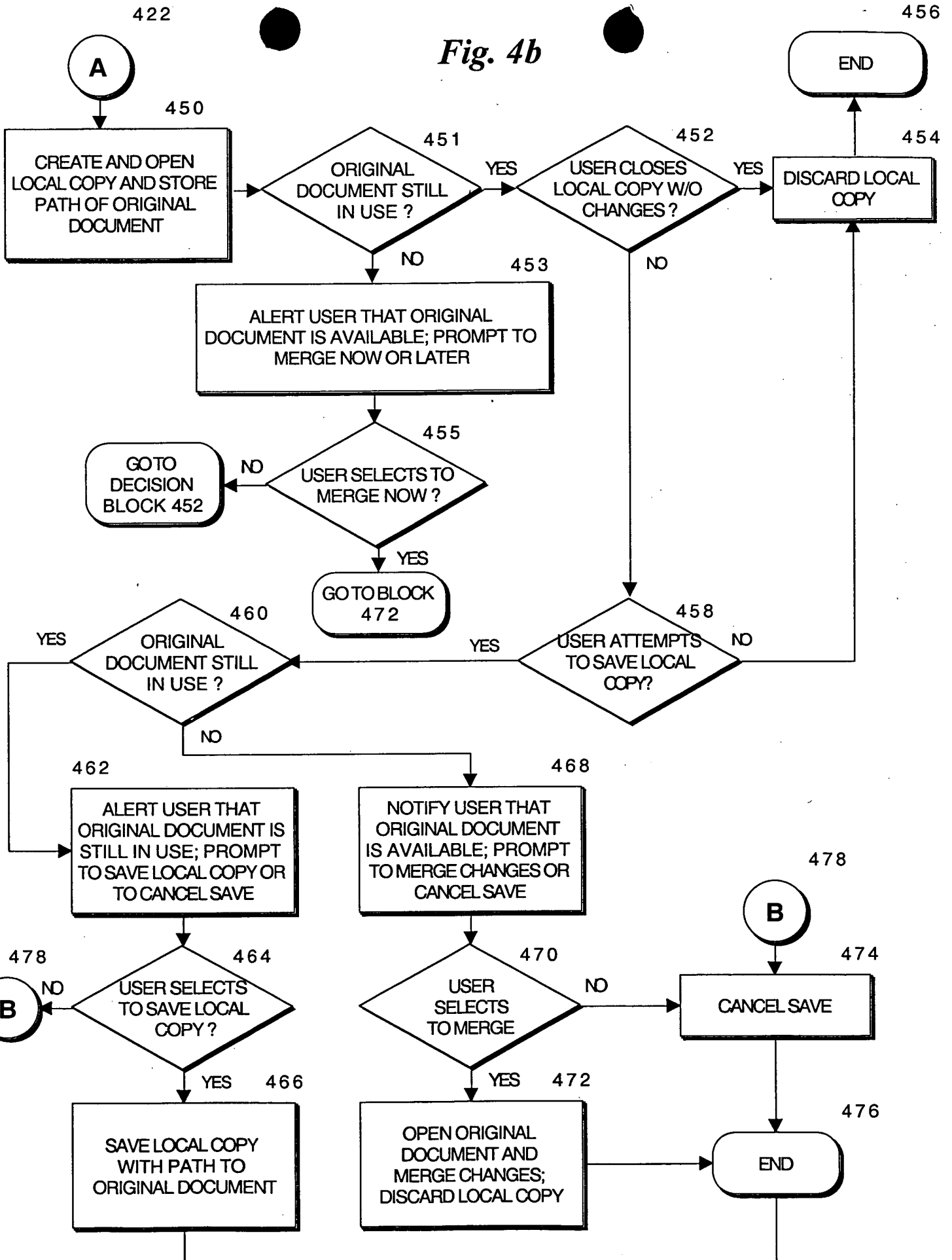


Fig. 5

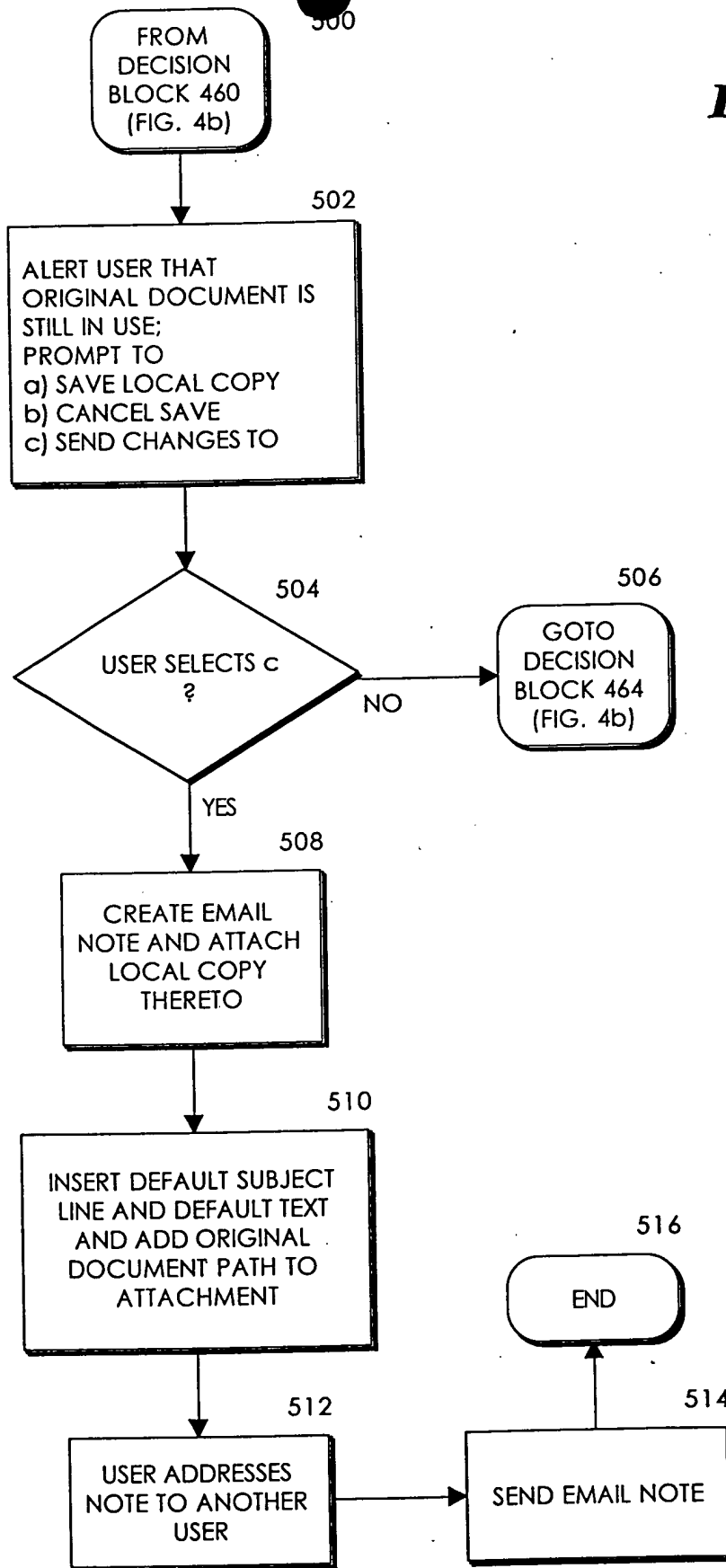


Fig. 6

